

MAY GET CONVENTION

Chamber Committee Lays Out Summer Campaign.

WILL JOURNEY TO ST. PAUL

Forms Plan to Bring Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineermen Here in 1912—George Washington Memorial Project Considered—Roosevelt Invited to Be Present.

General lines of the campaign to be waged by the convention's committee of the Chamber of Commerce to bring the annual convention of the National Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Engineermen to Washington in 1912 were arranged last night at a meeting of the committee in the Chamber rooms.

By invitation, John M. Hall, president; W. P. Borland, secretary, and W. A. Cahoon, delegate from Potomac Lodge, No. 7, the local body of the order, were present and participated in the discussion of the preliminaries.

The invitation to be extended to the brotherhood to hold its convention here will be presented to the delegates, who meet this year in St. Paul, Minn. The local lodge interested in the Chamber in the project, and the convention's committee was given an appropriation of \$750 to be used in bringing the convention here.

Last night's meeting, presided over by Granville Hunt, chairman of the committee, was to devise the best plan of getting the invitation from Washington before the St. Paul meeting and inducing the vote which will bring them here.

Will Send Committee. It is proposed that Mr. Hunt, H. C. C. Stiles, and Thomas Grant shall visit St. Paul next June while the convention is in session and present the claims of Washington. The representatives of the local body of firemen and engineermen offered valuable suggestions and others were presented by members of the committee.

Among the things talked about were a booklet setting forth the advantages of the Capital as a convention city, a stereoscopic entertainment to the delegates showing views of the city, souvenirs, and a headquarters for the delegation from the Chamber while they are in St. Paul. It was finally decided by vote that the details of the campaign to be waged in St. Paul should be left to the discretion of the three representatives of the committee who will go there.

The committee considered the general plans of the George Washington Memorial Association to erect in Washington a large building to be devoted to the interests of education and science, and to have as a principal feature a large auditorium for the assembling of conventions, scientific and other gatherings, congresses, and the like.

Plans Big Auditorium. The plans of the association were presented by Charles J. Fox, who said it was the intention of the association to raise a building and endowment fund of \$2,000,000, of which upward of \$150,000 have already been pledged. Schools, scientific bodies, wealthy men, and others have subscribed liberally to the fund, and the association now desires the people of Washington to raise, if possible, about one-tenth of the building and endowment fund, as it will be the chief beneficiary of the structure when it is completed.

After hearing the statement of Mr. Fox, the committee voted to report the matter to the Chamber at its next meeting for such action as it may desire to take.

T. G. Evans and Alfred H. Hulse, members of the National Building Managers' Association, which will meet here September 12 to 14, this year, reported the facts to the committee and requested the endorsement of the Chamber and such co-operation as it might be disposed to give. The representatives were told that the matter would be presented to the Chamber formally at the next meeting.

Invites Roosevelt Here. Isaac Gans, chairman of the committee on advertising of the Chamber, yesterday reported substantial progress toward the realization of the home-coming week next October. Chairman Gans has been busy sending out invitations and information regarding the fête, one of which was a cable message to Theodore Roosevelt, addressed to Brussels, telling him that no home-coming week in Washington could be complete without his presence, and bidding him to come.

Mr. Gans said yesterday that inasmuch as the week's festivities would be participated in largely by former employees of the government, it had been suggested that the several days of the week be devoted, one each, to the departments, with some feature of evening entertainment edited to each. Mr. Gans thought this a good suggestion and that it might be carried out.

Thomas Grant reported last night that as a result of the meeting of the committee on membership yesterday, the following new members of the Chamber have been elected: Stockett Fisk, A. H. Sonnermann, R. F. Travis, Percy Cranford, B. W. Chiswell, Charles A. Zander, A. H. Plügge, R. W. Monahan, and John H. Ontrich.

The next meeting of the Chamber will be held next Tuesday evening.

FIRE ALARM ROUTS SLEEPERS.

One of Series of Nine Reported from Mount Vernon Apartments.

Tenants of the Mount Vernon apartment house, Ninth street and New York avenue, swarmed from the building in scant attire when an inconsequential fire was discovered there at 10 o'clock last night by Wade Brody, an elevator boy. The blaze was confined to a paper bin, where it started.

Another fire damaged the paint room at the Tuberculosis Hospital about 7:30. Fuel sheds in the rear of 603 and 605 F street northwest were damaged about 7:30. Woodwork which caught from the furnace in the residence of A. R. Townsend, 267 Garfield street northwest, was slightly damaged.

A shed in the rear of property occupied by Mrs. Dennis Shelby, 349 L street southwest, burned, entailing a loss of \$200. Furniture to the amount of \$500 was damaged by fire at the home of Mrs. Maggie Simpson, 404 O street northwest.

Stacked hay valued at \$30, belonging to Burr Bros., was destroyed at Brookland, D. C. Another fire of unknown origin was put out in the Interstate Commerce Commission rooms in the American National Bank Building, in the period while the Magruder grocery fire was burning. The damage was about \$50.

TSAI SEES THE SIGHTS

Spends Busy Day and Visits Capitol Building.

TAKES TRIP ON MAYFLOWER

Goes to Mount Vernon and Places Wreath on Tomb of Washington, After Which He Returns to Washington and Is Entertained in the Evening at Dinner by Minister.

His Imperial Highness, Prince T'ai, who is visiting this country, spent yesterday sightseeing. He left his hotel early, and the first stop was made at the navy yard, where the prince saw big naval guns in process of manufacture.

After hurrying through the Library of Congress, the prince went to the Capitol, where he looked in upon the national legislators. First, he dropped into the House diplomatic gallery.

STORE FIRE A PUZZLE

John H. Magruder Unable to Help Police Inquiry.

RATS AND MATCHES UNLIKELY

Proprietor of Connecticut Avenue Grocery Says There Were No Rats, and Matches Were of Safety Variety—Combustion and Crossed Wire Theories Are Explored.

Fire and police officials have been unable to find a cause for the fire which destroyed the grocery of John H. Magruder, at Connecticut avenue and K street northwest, early yesterday morning.

First it was believed that rats gnawing matches caused the fire, but Mr. Magruder said yesterday that he had only safety matches in stock.

It could not have been caused by electric wires as before leaving the store early in the evening the current was cut off from the entire building and the wiring was dead.

Combustion Not Probable. Spontaneous combustion was not probable as there were no accumulations. There had been no fire in the furnace all that day and nothing in the cellar could have smoldered.

Shortly after arriving at the fire yesterday morning Mr. Magruder noted that curtains had been lowered which he was positive he had left up. Every door and window was securely locked and fastened in such a manner that it took the firemen nearly an hour to break in.

It was this very difficulty that Chief Wagner says is responsible for the fire having attained such proportions.

Loss May Be About \$25,000. Mr. Magruder stated to a Herald reporter last evening that until the insurance adjusters had passed upon the case he was unwilling to make any statement respecting the amount of his loss, which is fully covered.

Fire Chief Wagner said last night that the loss will hardly exceed \$25,000. Wines and liquors to the value of \$125,000 were stored in the cellar, and the stock of fancy and staple groceries on the first and second floors would bring the total value of the contents of the building up to \$175,000, but aside from such injury as may have been done by the smoke, there is practically no damage to the stock except in the cellar.

PROUD HORSEFLESH TO BE SEEN TO-DAY

Thousands Are Expected at Drivers' Show.

Washington, Virginia, and Maryland horse flesh at its best will be viewed by thousands at the new show ring of the Road Riders and Drivers' Association at Fifteenth and B streets this afternoon.

With the prospect of fair weather and the biggest entry list of any show in the South this season, the event promises to be one long to be remembered.

The first ring event will be called at 2 o'clock, and from then until 5:30 the circle will be an animated scene. Society will be present in force, and more than a dozen well-known horsewomen will ride their own animals.

With the memory of the December show, when more than 20,000 persons watched the sensational jumping events and brilliant show numbers, the management expect this event will draw twice that number of spectators.

Provisions have been made by the ring committee for automobiles, drags, and carriages. The new ring, unlike the old one at Nineteenth and B streets, is on high ground, and wet weather makes little difference in its condition.

There will be ten scheduled events and two specials. The specials will have prizes sweepstake trophies, offered by William P. Eno and Lars Anderson. Both of the donors have several entries from their stables in the jumping and harness events.

THIRD CANTATA IS GIVEN

Many Hear "The Golden Legend," by Choral Society.

Hundred and Twenty Voices in Chorus, While Solos Are Given Credit for Much of Success.

Music lovers turned out to hear Sullivan's dramatic cantata, "The Golden Legend," by the Choral Society of Washington, at its third successful concert of the season at Continental Hall last night.

The grand chorus of 120 voices was led by Heinrich, musical director, but, effective as are the choruses of "The Golden Legend," they are not better than the solos, which were quite in keeping with the character of the work as a dramatic cantata.

Mme. Ethel Theresa Hugel, soprano, of Berne, Switzerland, better known in Washington as Miss Ethel Camp, rendered the difficult role of Elsie in a manner as effective as it was pleasing, while the part of Ursula was successfully sung by Mrs. Mabel Over Beard, alto, a recent graduate from Miss Clara Drew's vocal studio, last night being her first appearance with the Choral Society. Other solos were sung by Henry Gurney, tenor, of Philadelphia, as Prince Henry, and Grant Odell, baritone, of Baltimore, in the part of Lucifer.

One of the features of "The Golden Legend" is its vivid orchestration. The accompaniments were played on the pianoforte by Arthur Mayo, whose technical skill and experience made him invaluable to the success of the evening.

"The Legend," adapted from the poem of Longfellow, consists of a prologue, six scenes, and an epilogue.

Grouch Club to Hold Smoker.

The first grand smoker of the Grouch Club of the Columbia Turnverein will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Goes After Arrested Elopers.

Detective Cox left for Atlantic City last night to bring back George Oecola and Ethel Tippet, elopers.

G. W. U. ALUMNI STANDS ALOOF.

Will Not Interfere with University Board of Trustees.

There will be no interference in the affairs of George Washington University by graduates of the institution, according to statements made by officers of the alumni association last night.

A mass meeting of the association and graduates who are not members of the association, reported to be for the purpose of investigating the business transactions of the university under the administration of President Needham, will not be held, it is stated.

The board of trustees will, by regular procedure, settle the tangle, which has followed the resignation of President Needham. The graduates, according to men prominent among them, will not voice their sentiments as a body.

While the officers of the association say there have been rumors of a mass meeting, they deny that any one has taken steps in preparation for such a meeting.

The next meeting of the alumni association will be held in the fall. It will be called by Aldis B. Browne, president of the association.

Among those who denied that a mass meeting will be held was John B. Lerner, treasurer of the association. He said: "The first meeting of the alumni will be the regular meeting next fall. I have heard rumors of a meeting planned by graduates who are not members of the alumni association, but I am sure no such action will be taken."

"Mass meetings are not the proper course of procedure in settling such affairs. The only way in which the alumni can help the university is by a suggestion, if a suggestion is in order."

WILL LAY CONDUITS

American Telephone Company Plans New System.

STARTS FROM WASHINGTON

Underground Line Through Baltimore to Philadelphia Is Part of Supplementary Service Later, to Connect All Important Cities in the United States as a Precaution.

Plans are being made by the American Telephone and Telephone Company for an underground conduit system between Washington and Baltimore and Baltimore and Philadelphia.

It is not known how much the conduit system, which will be supplementary to the overhead lines, will cost. The expenditure will be large, it is said.

Will Connect Many Cities.

The new line will be part of a general system which the American Telephone and Telephone Company will soon inaugurate to connect all the important cities in the country.

The company has rights to erect poles and build conduits in Maryland, but a new law makes it necessary for them to obtain permission of the State highway commission. Work will be commenced as soon as permits can be obtained.

The storm which cut off communication between Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and other cities at the time of President Taft's inauguration is responsible for the extension of conduit work.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, Friday, April 29, 1910—8 p. m.

The disturbance that was over Northeastern Iowa Thursday night has moved to Eastern Wisconsin with increased intensity, and there have been rains in the Middle Atlantic States, the Lower Lake and Southern Upper Lake regions. There were also showers in the Northern States, the Northern Rocky Mountain region, and along the North Pacific coast; elsewhere the weather was fair.

The warmer air masses from the Lake and the South, with temperatures from 5 to 30 degrees above the seasonal average, and is considerably cooler in the Central and Northern Rocky Mountain region, the Northwestern States, and Nebraska.

The disturbance over Wisconsin will continue eastward, and the weather will be showery in the Northern States, the Middle Atlantic States, and the Lower Lake region. The winds along the New England and Middle Atlantic coasts will be moderate to brisk south to southwest; on the South Atlantic coast moderate to strong from the east; on the Gulf of Mexico moderate to strong from the west; on the Pacific coast moderate to strong from the west; on the Atlantic coast moderate to strong from the west.

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Local Temperature. Midnight, 42; 2 a. m., 41; 4 a. m., 38; 6 a. m., 37; 8 a. m., 45; 10 a. m., 54; 12 noon, 60; 2 p. m., 65; 4 p. m., 64; 6 p. m., 61; 8 p. m., 61; 10 p. m., 59.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 71; 2 p. m., 41; 8 p. m., 66; Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 7. Hours of sunshine, 6. Per cent of possible maximum, 52. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 77; minimum, 42.

Temperatures in Other Cities. Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	5 p. m. fall.
Albany, N. Y.	80	42	70
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Condition of the Water. Special to The Washington Herald. Harpers Ferry, W. Va., April 29.—Both rivers very muddy.

Will Address Engineer Students.

Dr. James Howard Gore will address the engineering students of George Washington University tonight.

Because Those Elements Enter Into Their

Making Which Insure Not Only Material, but Artistic Quality.

Neither good fabrics alone; not good workmanship make good Clothing. But combine the two and you have the Saks Clothes—the BEST.

The fabrics for a foundation; but the makemanship is what gives tone, and wearability. Another "why"—because we make them in our own workrooms we've more leeway in the actual intrinsic value we can put into them. That makes our lower grades equal to others' higher grades—and why we can confidently ask you to make comparison of anybody's \$20 and \$25 lines with ours at

\$15 and \$20.

Men's \$5 and \$6 Shoes To-day, \$3.95

A Big Shirt Value Worth \$1.00, SPECIAL, 65c

We say to-day, because the quantity is limited and the value immense, and the price so very little that you'll quickly close them out. They're in very latest models—including the high-arch and high-heel shapes—patent, gum-metal, Russia. And EVERY PAIR STRICTLY GUARANTEED.

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THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

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One day I was on the outskirts of town and thought that I would quit for the day, when I noticed that there was a small shanty over to the left. The nearest way to reach it seemed to be to go through a clump of trees, and make use of a footpath that appeared to lead up to it.

Just as I started that way, I met a couple of men coming down the path. One of them stopped me and asked me what I wanted. I told him that I was collecting data for the census, and wanted the names and information concerning the people that lived there.

He then asked me to let him have the papers, and said that he would mail them to me—as his wife had just died and he did not want any one to go to the house where she was. Of course, I felt sorry for him and gave him the blanks that he needed and told him how to fill them out and all about it. Then I went on another way.

The next day, after following a path for some time, I found that it brought me out in the rear of the very house that I had been on the point of visiting the day before. Thinking that I would stop and collect the blanks, I walked to the back porch, where there were some people sitting, and told them what I wanted. They were very poor—poorer than any that I had ever seen—and I had difficulty in making them understand what I meant by the census and the blanks.

Finally they told me that the blanks had been sent off that morning. But before I got this information, I had had time to learn a little of the family history. It seems that the old people were blind and were the grandparents of the three little children playing around in the dirt, and that the woman that had died the day before was their daughter.

"She had succumbed to consumption, and the worst of it was that she had been the fifth victim of the white plague that had died there in a year. It did not need a physician's eye to tell me that the little ones were pretty far gone with the same disease. I tell you, made me pretty sick to see the condition of these people and to think that there was little, if any, hope for them."

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Every fall the men who make an extra dollar or so to put into his winter clothes will hook his fishing tackle, but when spring comes round again the clothes and the tackle change places, much after the fashion of the young man who was asked why he did not wear his watch with his evening clothes and who replied: "Because I never have the two at the same time."

One of the downtown stationers who makes more or less of a specialty of handling lurid, dime novel style of literature was discussing these novels the other day. "Did you ever notice," said he, "how the publishers have had to change these stories nowadays?"

"Why, there used to be a time when the readers were satisfied with having the hero carry off the heroine on the back of his champion steed. Now he has to do it with a sixty-horsepower Mercedes, at least."

"Pretty soon it will be an aeroplane that he will have to use. Then at the end of the old once the hero used to be a careless toss the villain off a cliff; now he uses a skyscraper instead. The yellow backs have to keep up with the procession the same as everything else in this town."

Another rather sad case that I ran across in that same district was that of an old man, seated on a stone wall, I inquired as to where he lived and he showed me a little shanty just off the road, and said that that was his home.

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